

79TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 63

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 1945

Mr. VANDENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, so as to prohibit interference with the broadcasting of noncommercial cultural or educational programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is
4 amended by inserting, after section 329 of such Act, a new
5 section as follows:

6 “SEC. 330. It shall be unlawful for any person, or any
7 person representing an organization or group, to interfere
8 with, intimidate any person or persons, hinder, extort, delay,
9 prevent, or conspire with other persons for the purpose of
10 hindering, delaying, interfering with, or stopping the produc-

1 tion or transmission, by means of any radio station of any
2 noncommercial education or cultural program presented by
3 any academically accredited and tax-exempt educational in-
4 stitution, prepared and planned for presentation by radio or
5 in the process of being transmitted by radio stations, and it
6 shall likewise be unlawful for any person as a part of a
7 group or organization to threaten or intimidate any other
8 person for the purpose of preventing by group action the
9 operation of any broadcasting station while preparing for
10 or in the operation of broadcasting such noncommercial edu-
11 cational or cultural programs, unless such interference, work
12 stoppage, or group action is part of a general action for other
13 purposes and is of general and broader nature or purpose
14 than to prevent or interfere with the broadcasting of such
15 noncommercial educational and cultural programs: *Provided,*
16 That such radio station or stations have agreed to broadcast
17 such programs and that no service, money, or other valuable
18 consideration is directly or indirectly paid or promised to,
19 or charged or accepted by such station from any person for
20 broadcasting or agreeing to broadcast such program and no
21 service, money, or other valuable consideration is directly or
22 indirectly paid or promised to, or charged or accepted by the
23 persons producing or participating in such program from
24 such station or from any commercial sponsor, for services
25 rendered in producing or participating in such program.

1 "DEFINITION

2 " 'To conspire', for the purposes of this section, shall
3 mean to plan with others, to hold meetings for the purpose
4 of planning, to take action as the result of a plan or pur-
5 pose—such as united stoppage of work at a radio plant, or
6 to write communications urging interference by action or by
7 word of mouth to induce action for the purpose of inter-
8 ference."

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